Development Agency (SRRDA) with a distinct legal status for the implementation of the programme. The SRRDA is required to function as the dedicated agency of the State Nodal Department for rural roads to ensure integrated development of the rural roads through the various schemes including PMGSY. The SRRDA is responsible for ensuring proper utilization of funds sanctioned under the programme and is accordingly required to monitor the progress of implementation of the scheme.

(b) and (c) Till 30.9.2006, 57389 road projects of Rs. 35,656.93 crore were sanctioned and a sum of Rs. 19,118.85 crore was released. Upto the end of March, 2007, 63667 road works amounting to Rs. 44,661.91 crore have been cleared covering a road length of 2,20,956.31 km. Till 31.3.2007, Rs. 22527.65 crore have been released, 39045 road works having 120577.24 km of road length completed and an expenditure of Rs. 21025.97 crore has been incurred.

Cases of attack of minorities

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(a) whether it is a fact that cases of attack on minorities have been increasing of late;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps being taken to contain the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) "Public Order" and "Police" being State subjects as per the Constitution of India, the State Governments are primarily responsible for registration, investigation of crime and maintenance of law and order. Relevant data, in this regard, is also maintained by the States. The complaints received from members belonging to minority communities are referred to concerned State Governments for action.

As per available information, the details of communal incidents (combined *i.e.*, Hindu-Muslim and incidents involving Christians) and the persons killed and injured therein during the last three years and current year (January to April) are given below:

Year	Total No. of incidents	No. of persons killed	No. of persons injured
2004	677	134	2132
2005	779	124	2066
2006	698	133	2170
2007 (January-April)	255	31	748

As per available information, during the four months period from January to April 2007, a total of 255 incidents of communal nature took place in the country in which 31 persons were killed and 748 injured. In the corresponding period in 2006, 265 communal incidents were reported in which 61 persons were killed and 881 injured. The available data on community-wise break-up of number of persons killed and injured in communal incidents during the year 2006, and first four months of 2006 and 2007 are as under:

Period	Incidents	No. of persons killed			No. of persons injured		
		Hindus	Muslims	Christians and others	Hindus	Muslims	Christians and others
2006	698	64	67	2	1050	804	101 (49 Christians, 52 others)
2006 (Jan-April)	265	28	31	2	425	279	62 (34 Christians, 28 Others)
2007 (Jan-April)	255	18	13	-	370	245	51 (36 Christians, 15 Others)

Available inputs indicate a low level of tolerance among various communities, as even small incidents *viz.* kite flying, car parking etc. tend to trigger communal tensions.

In order to prevent communal violence in the country, the Union Government assists the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations in a variety of ways *viz.* sharing of intelligence sending alert messages,

assisting the States in the Modernization of the State Police Forces and deploying Central para-military Forces to the concerned State Governments on specific requests. In addition, the Union Government sends advisories and guidelines in this regard from time to time. Detailed guideliens to promote communal harmony in the country have been issued to all the States/Union Territories. The activities of all organizations having a bearing on communal harmony in the country are under constant watch of law enforcement agencies and requisite legal action is taken, wherever necessary.

The Union Government has also introduced a Bill titled 'The Communal Violence (Prevention, Control and Rehabilitation of Victims) Bill, 2005' in Rajya Sabha to address all aspects of the issue of communal violence.

Commissioning of SEZs

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) how many SEZs have been commissioned so far;

(b) the SEZ-wise details of their export earnings during the financial year 2006-07, SEZ-wise;

(c) what was the export earning of the non-IT SEZs out of this;

(d) what was the annual target for SEZs for financial year 2006-07; and

(e) what is the export target for the financial year 2007-08?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) Total number of Special Economic Zones (SEZs) operational in the country as on 31.03.2007, including these established prior to the SEZ Act, 2005, is 31.

(b) Details of export earnings from the operational Special Economic Zones (SEZs) during 2006-07 are as follows:—